

Nathaniel Arnold is the Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Deputy Chief Arnold graduated from California State University of Fresno with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Deputy Chief Arnold has worked as a Wildlife Officer for the Department for over 20 years and started his career as a Wildlife Officer assigned to Kern County. He was later promoted to Lieutenant Specialist working in training and then transferred to the CDFW Oil Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) team. He then promoted to a Lieutenant Supervisor position in Fresno and Madera counties, eventually being promoted to Captain overseeing 6 ½ counties within the Central Valley. Later, he transferred to Sacramento Headquarters overseeing all of Special Operations for the Law Enforcement Division. He was then promoted to Assistant Chief over Special Operations and in 2016 promoted to the Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement. Since 2008, Deputy Chief Arnold has specialized in large-scale operations dealing with unlawful marijuana cultivation causing environmental damages.